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1. Amendment and Reply to Office Action, including Exhibit A (39 pages);
2. Petition for an Extension of Time (1 page, in duplicate);
3. Transmittal Letter (3 pages, in duplicate); and
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated November 5, 2003. With the extension, a response is due on or before May 5, 2004. Applicants previously requested a two-month extension of time to reply from February 5, 2004 to April 5, 2004.

The Director is authorized to charge the requisite fee of \$530.00 that is due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) to Deposit Account No. 50-0725. Applicants authorize the Director to charge this deposit account for any additional fees that are due in connection with this Petition. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,



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